

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0130576 to Fujita et al. ("Fujita") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0040962 to Lewis ("Lewis") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0108656 to Wu et al. ("Wu"). The Examiner also objected to claims 10-12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but being allowable if written in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants propose to amend independent claims 1-6 and cancel claims 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-9 would be pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fujita*, *Lewis*, and *Wu* for at least the reasons presented in the Reply to Office Action dated February 18, 2010.

But to advance prosecution, Applicants amend independent claims 1-3 to include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable in dependent claims 10-12. Applicants also amend independent claims 4-6 similarly. For at least these reasons, independent claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance. Claims 7-9 are also allowable at least due to their dependence from one of the independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Because the amendments herein include subject matter already presented to and considered by the Examiner, the Examiner should enter these amendments after-final.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, placing the claims in condition for allowance.

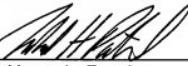
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the applied references. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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